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Dear Mr. Corell:

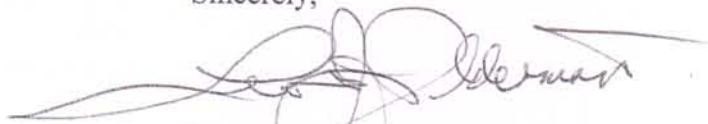
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of public comments submitted on its Iowa 2002 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list decision letter of July 10, 2003.

EPA reviewed Iowa's 2002 303(d) list of impaired waters, and determined that Iowa's 2002 list of water quality limited segments (WQLS) still requiring TMDLs did not include certain waters and pollutants required to be listed. EPA partially approved and partially disapproved Iowa's 303(d) list and provided EPA's rationale for this action in a letter to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) dated July 10, 2003. EPA then issued a public notice on July 16, 2003, seeking written comments on EPA's decision to restore 20 waters to Iowa's 2002 Section 303(d) list. The public notice closed August 18, 2003. EPA's public notice was placed in newspapers serving the following cities and their surrounding areas: Sioux City, Council Bluffs, Des Moines, Mason City, Cedar Rapids, Burlington. EPA's support document for the action on the Iowa 2002 303(d) list was placed in public libraries in the above cities and at the EPA Region VII office, along with the full administrative record. EPA also posted the decision documents on EPA Region VII's website. EPA's request for public comments was limited to EPA's decision to restore 20 lakes to the Iowa 2002 303(d) list.

Based on EPA's review, the Agency is amending its final decision by removing Little Clear Lake and Rathbun Reservoir from the 2002 303(d) list. EPA's rationale for removing Little Clear Lake from the list is addressed in response number 4 of the enclosed responsiveness summary. EPA inadvertently included Rathbun Reservoir in the list of lakes added back to the 303(d) list. Rathbun Reservoir was listed on the 1998 303(d) list as not meeting the State water quality standards for atrazine. As described in EPA's July 10, 2003, decision letter, based on a review of monitoring data, Rathbun Reservoir is now meeting the State's water quality standard for atrazine. The 18 other lakes added back to the 2002 303(d) list will remain on Iowa's list. This letter and the attached responsiveness summary will be posted on EPA Region VII's website.

If you would like to further discuss EPA's action, please contact me at 913-551-7001, or Cheryl Crisler, Branch Chief, of the Water Quality Management Branch at 913-551-7820.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leo J. Alderman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Leo J. Alderman
Director
Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division

Enclosure:

1. Responsiveness Summary to Comments Received on EPA's Public Notice Dated July 16, 2003 Regarding Adding back Lakes to Iowa's 2002 CWA Section 303(d) List